



# San Antonio Police Department

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## Media Advisory

### *PAWNSHOP WARRANT ROUND-UP*

- Who:** San Antonio Police Department
- What:** Pawnshop Warrant Drive Press Conference
- When:** Tuesday, April 6, 2004  
10:00 a.m.
- Where:** North Patrol Service Area Sub-Station  
13030 Jones Maltsberger
- Why:** Reduce the amount of stolen property ending up in local pawnshops and similar establishments dealing in second-hand items.

Chief Albert Ortiz will announce this morning the San Antonio Police Department and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office teamed up and are in the process of executing warrants on several pawnshops and second-hand establishments across the city.

Department statistics for 2003 indicate that property crimes account for a majority of all crime in San Antonio. While diligent efforts have been made to reduce this criminal activity, systematic peddling scheme has been exposed showing much of the stolen goods from these property crimes are ending up in local pawnshops and similar establishments dealing in second-hand items.

An undercover operation that began last January resulted in merchants knowingly purchasing goods presented to them as stolen thus contributing to the property crime problem.

After review by the District Attorneys Office, 21 arrest warrants naming 20 individuals were activated.

You will be invited to follow our teams as they go to these businesses and serve the arrest warrants. Contact Officer Richard Solis at the North Patrol Service Area Sub-station at 13030 Jones Maltsberger to follow the teams.

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